

**SUPPLEMENT DATED MAY 31, 2019**

**FIRST INVESTORS EQUITY FUNDS PROSPECTUS, SUMMARY PROSPECTUSES AND STATEMENT OF  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DATED JANUARY 31, 2019**

**FIRST INVESTORS INCOME FUNDS PROSPECTUS, SUMMARY PROSPECTUSES AND STATEMENT OF  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DATED JANUARY 31, 2019**

**FIRST INVESTORS TAX EXEMPT FUNDS PROSPECTUS, SUMMARY PROSPECTUSES AND STATEMENT  
OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DATED MAY 1, 2019**

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Effective on or about June 14, 2019 the issued and outstanding Class B shares of each Fund will convert to Class A shares without the imposition of any front-end or deferred sales load, fees or other charges. If you are a shareholder of Class B shares on that date, your Class B shares will automatically convert to Class A shares on the basis of their relative net asset value per share. This conversion is not expected to be a taxable event for shareholders and the aggregate tax basis of your Class A shares will be the same as the aggregate tax basis of the Class B shares being converted. You should consult your tax adviser for any tax-related questions you may have. Any applicable Contingent Deferred Sales Charges (CDSC) will not be applied on Class B share redemptions effective as of May 31, 2019.

Following the conversion of the Funds' Class B shares, Class B shares will be terminated. Accordingly, on or about June 14, 2019, all references to Class B shares in the Prospectuses, Summary Prospectuses and Statement of Additional Information are hereby deleted.

Please contact Client Relations at 1-800-423-4026 for further information and assistance.

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**SUPPLEMENT DATED APRIL 9, 2019  
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**FIRST INVESTORS EQUITY FUNDS PROSPECTUS, SUMMARY PROSPECTUSES AND STATEMENT  
OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DATED JANUARY 31, 2019**

**FIRST INVESTORS INCOME FUNDS PROSPECTUS, SUMMARY PROSPECTUSES AND STATEMENT  
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**FIRST INVESTORS LIFE SERIES FUNDS PROSPECTUS, SUMMARY PROSPECTUSES AND  
STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DATED MAY 1, 2018, AS SUPPLEMENTED**

**FIRST INVESTORS TAX EXEMPT FUNDS PROSPECTUS, SUMMARY PROSPECTUSES AND  
STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DATED MAY 1, 2018, AS SUPPLEMENTED**

On April 9, 2019, the Independent Order of Foresters, the ultimate parent company of Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc. (“FIMCO”), which is the investment adviser to the separate series of the trusts listed above (the “Funds”), Foresters Financial Services, Inc. (“FFS”), which is the Funds’ distributor, and Foresters Investors Services, Inc. (“FIS”), which is the Funds’ transfer agent, announced that it has entered into the two definitive purchase agreements described below that, once completed, will result in the sale of its U.S. North American Asset Management businesses.

First, FIMCO has entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Macquarie Management Holdings, Inc. (“Macquarie”) whereby Macquarie, a global investment management firm headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will purchase FIMCO’s assets related to the mutual fund management business, including the Funds (the “Transaction”). The Transaction is not expected to result in any material changes to the Funds’ investment objectives and principal investment strategies. However, upon the completion of the Transaction, Macquarie expects that each Fund will be reorganized into a substantially similar fund that is managed by Delaware Management Company, a subsidiary of Macquarie (the “Reorganizations”). The Transaction is expected to be completed during the fourth calendar quarter of 2019, pending the satisfaction of certain closing conditions and approvals, including approvals of the Reorganizations by the Funds’ Board of Trustees and Fund shareholders at a special shareholder meeting.

Second, FFS and Foresters Advisory Services, LLC (“FAS”) has entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Cetera Financial Group, Inc. (“Cetera”), a U.S.-based wealth management firm headquartered in Denver, Colorado, whereby Cetera will purchase FFS’ retail brokerage business and FAS’ retail advisory business. This transaction is expected to be completed in the second calendar quarter of 2019.

No shareholder action is necessary at this time. More detailed information about the Reorganizations will be provided in a forthcoming proxy statement. When you receive your proxy statement, please review it carefully and cast your vote. This Supplement is not a proxy and is not soliciting any proxy, which can only be done by means of a proxy statement.

**PLEASE RETAIN THIS SUPPLEMENT FOR YOUR FUTURE REFERENCE.**

**First Investors International Opportunities Bond Fund****Summary Prospectus****January 31, 2019****Ticker Symbol****Class A: FIOBX****Advisor Class: FIODX****Institutional Class: FIOEX****Supplemented as of April 1, 2019**

Before you invest, you may want to review the Fund's prospectus, which contains more information about the Fund and its risks. You can find this and other information about the Fund, including the statement of additional information ("SAI") and most recent reports to shareholders, at [www.firstinvestorsfunds.com/prospectuses](http://www.firstinvestorsfunds.com/prospectuses). You can also get this information at no cost by calling 1(800)423-4026 or by e-mailing [investorservices@foresters.com](mailto:investorservices@foresters.com). The Fund's prospectus and SAI, dated January 31, 2019, as each may be amended or supplemented, and the financial statements in the annual report to shareholders, dated September 30, 2018, are incorporated herein by reference.

**Investment Objective:** The Fund seeks total return consisting of income and capital appreciation.

**Fees and Expenses of the Fund:** This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. You may qualify for sales charge discounts if you invest, or agree to invest in the future, at least \$50,000 in certain classes of shares of certain First Investors Funds. More information about these and other discounts is available from your financial representative and in "Are sales charge discounts and waivers available" on page 199 of the Fund's prospectus and in "Additional Information About Sales Charge Discounts and Waivers" on page II-60 of the Fund's SAI. You may be required to pay a commission to your financial intermediary for Advisor Class and Institutional Class shares purchased through them. Such commissions are not reflected in the tables or the Example below.

<b>Shareholder Fees</b> ( <i>fees paid directly from your investment</i> )	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Advisor Class</b>	<b>Institutional Class</b>
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	4.00%	None	None
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the lower of purchase price or redemption price)	1.00% <sup>1</sup>	None	None

<b>Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b> ( <i>expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment</i> )	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Advisor Class</b>	<b>Institutional Class</b>
Management Fees	0.75%	0.75%	0.75%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees <sup>2</sup>	0.25%	None	None
Other Expenses	0.35%	0.33%	0.18%
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>1.35%</b>	<b>1.08%</b>	<b>0.93%</b>

1. A contingent deferred sales charge of 1% will be assessed on certain redemptions of Class A shares that are purchased without a sales charge, as described further in the "What are the sales charges?" section of the prospectus.

2. The expense information in the table has been restated to reflect a decrease in 12b-1 fees for Class A shares effective as of April 1, 2019.

**Example**

The Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the

time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, whether you do or do not redeem your shares, your costs would be:

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Class A shares	\$532	\$811	\$1,110	\$1,959
Advisor Class shares	\$110	\$343	\$595	\$1,317
Institutional Class shares	\$95	\$296	\$515	\$1,143

**Portfolio Turnover:** The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 41% of the average value of its portfolio.

**Principal Investment Strategies:** Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in bonds. For purposes of the 80% policy, bonds include debt securities issued or guaranteed by national governments, their agencies or instrumentalities and political sub-divisions (including inflation index linked securities); debt securities of supranational organizations such as freely transferable promissory notes, bonds and debentures; corporate debt securities, including freely transferable promissory notes, debentures, zero coupon bonds, commercial paper, certificates of deposits, and bankers' acceptances issued by industrial, utility, finance, commercial banking or bank holding company organizations; emerging markets debt; and below investment grade securities, also known as high yield debt or "junk bonds". The Fund may invest in fixed-rate and floating-rate securities.

The Fund will primarily invest its assets in debt securities (including fixed-rate and floating-rate securities) of issuers located in developed countries outside of the United States. An issuer is considered by the subadviser to be located in a developed country if such issuer meets certain

criteria of the subadviser. Any country that, at the time a security is purchased, has a sovereign debt rating of A- or better from at least one nationally recognized statistical ratings organization ("NRSRO") or is included in the FTSE World Government Bond Index will be considered a developed country. The Fund may also invest in emerging markets. The Fund will primarily invest in sovereign debt and currencies, as well as in investment grade corporate bonds.

The Fund may invest in both investment grade and, to a lesser extent, below investment grade securities. Investment grade securities are securities rated at the time of purchase by a NRSRO within one of the top four categories, or, if unrated, judged by the subadviser to be of comparable credit quality.

The Fund may invest in forward foreign currency contracts in order to hedge its currency exposure in bond positions or to gain currency exposure. The Fund may also invest in interest rate and bond futures to manage interest rate risk and for hedging purposes. These investments may be significant at times. Although the Fund has the flexibility to make use of forward foreign currency contracts it may choose not to for a variety of reasons, even under very volatile market conditions. The Fund will normally hold a portfolio of debt securities of issuers located in a minimum of six countries.

The weighted average duration of the Fund's portfolio is expected to range from 1 to 10 years, but for individual markets may be greater or lesser depending on the subadviser's outlook for interest rates and the potential for capital gains.

The subadviser follows a top-down value-driven process to investing and therefore seeks to identify relative value in the international bond markets. The subadviser defines as undervalued those markets where it believes real interest rates are high and the currency is undervalued with potential to appreciate. The subadviser will concentrate investments in those undervalued markets where it believes cyclical business conditions, as well as secular economic and political trends, provide the best opportunity for declining interest rates and a return to lower real rates over time. The subadviser believes that such economic conditions provide the best potential to achieve capital appreciation.

The Fund is non-diversified.

**Principal Risks:** You can lose money by investing in the Fund. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

*Credit Risk.* A debt issuer may become unable or unwilling to pay interest or principal when due. The prices of debt securities are affected by the credit quality of the issuer.

*Currency Risk.* The value of foreign currency-denominated investments increases or decreases as exchange rates change. Currency exchange rates can be volatile, and are affected by factors such as economic conditions, actions by U.S. and foreign governments or central banks, the imposition of currency controls and other political or regulatory conditions.

*Derivatives Risk.* Forwards and futures involve a number of risks, such as possible default by the counterparty to the transaction, incorrect judgment by the portfolio manager as to certain market movements and the potential of greater losses than if these techniques had not been used by the Fund. These investments can also increase the volatility of the Fund's share price and expose it to significant additional costs. Derivatives may be difficult to sell, unwind or value.

*Emerging Markets Risk.* The risks of investing in foreign securities are heightened when investing in emerging or developing markets.

The economies and political environments of emerging or developing countries tend to be more unstable, resulting in more volatile rates of returns than developed markets and substantially greater risk.

*Foreign Securities Risk.* There are special risk factors associated with investing in foreign securities, including the risks of fluctuations in exchange rates, potential political and economic instability, differing accounting and financial reporting standards or inability to obtain reliable financial information regarding an issuer's financial condition, less stringent regulation and supervision of foreign securities markets, custodians and securities depositories, and potential capital restrictions. Some securities issued by foreign governments or their subdivisions, agencies and instrumentalities may not be backed by the full faith and credit of the foreign government and some foreign governments may default on principal and interest payments. To the extent the Fund significantly invests in securities of a single country or region, it is more likely to be affected by events or conditions of that area. As a result, it may be more volatile than a more geographically diversified fund.

*High Yield Securities Risk.* High yield debt securities (commonly known as "junk bonds"), have greater credit risk than higher quality debt securities because their issuers may not be as financially strong. High yield securities are inherently speculative due to the risk associated with the issuer's ability to make principal and interest payments. During times of economic stress, high yield securities issuers may be unable to access credit to refinance their bonds or meet their credit obligations.

*Interest Rate Risk.* In general, when interest rates rise, the market value of a debt security declines, and when interest rates decline, the market value of a debt security increases. Interest rates across the U.S. and other economies have recently increased and may continue to increase, thereby heightening the Fund's exposure to the risks associated with rising interest rates. The interest rates on floating rate securities adjust periodically and may not correlate to prevailing interest rates

between adjustments, meaning that they could remain sensitive over the short term to interest rate changes. Zero coupon bonds do not make periodic interest payments but are instead sold at a discount from face value and can be redeemed at face value when they mature. Zero coupon bonds may be more volatile than other similar debt securities. Securities with longer maturities and durations are generally more sensitive to interest rate changes.

**Liquidity Risk.** Certain investments may be difficult or impossible to sell at a favorable time or price. Market developments may cause the Fund's investments to become less liquid and subject to erratic price movements. This risk is particularly acute in the case of foreign securities that are traded in smaller, less-developed or emerging markets. High yield securities also tend to be less liquid.

**Market Risk.** The prices of the debt securities held by the Fund may decline in response to certain events, such as general economic and market conditions, adverse political or regulatory developments and interest rate fluctuations. Adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemptions.

**Non-Diversification Risk.** The Fund is non-diversified and, as such, its assets may be invested in a limited number of issuers. This means that the Fund's performance may be substantially impacted by the change in value of even a single holding. The Fund's share price can therefore be expected to fluctuate more than the share price of a diversified fund.

**Security Selection Risk.** Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet expectations.

**Sovereign and Quasi-Sovereign Debt Securities Risk.** The issuer of the sovereign debt or the authorities that control the repayment of the debt may be unable or unwilling to repay principal or interest when

due, and the Fund may have limited recourse in the event of a default. During periods of economic uncertainty, the market prices of sovereign debt, and the Fund's net asset value, may be volatile.

**Supranational Risk.** Obligations of supranational organizations are subject to the risk that the governments on whose support the entity depends for its financial backing or repayment may be unable or unwilling to provide that support. Obligations of a supranational organization that are denominated in foreign currencies will also be subject to the risks associated with investment in foreign currencies.

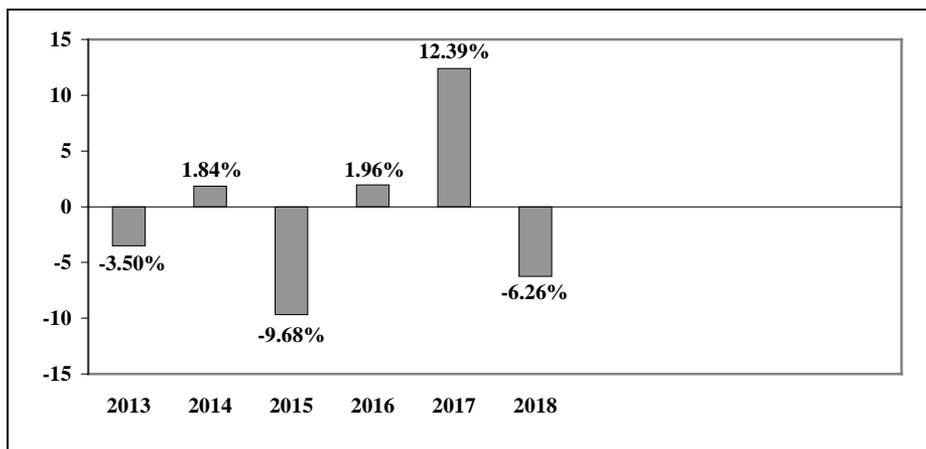
**Valuation Risk.** The sales price the Fund could receive for a portfolio investment may differ from the Fund's valuation of the investment, particularly for investments that trade in thin or volatile markets or that are fair valued. Fair valuation is subjective and different market participants may assign different values to the same security.

*An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.*

**Performance:** The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows changes in the Fund's performance from year to year for Class A shares. The table shows how the Fund's average annual returns for the 1-year, 5-year and life of class periods compare to those of a broad measure of market performance. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by visiting [www.firstinvestorsfunds.com](http://www.firstinvestorsfunds.com) or by calling 1 (800) 423-4026.

Sales charges are not reflected in the bar chart, and if those charges were included, returns would be less than those shown.

## Total Annual Returns For Calendar Years Ended December 31



During the period shown, the highest quarterly return was 8.04% (for the quarter ended March 31, 2016) and the lowest quarterly return was -7.43% (for the quarter ended June 30, 2018).

### Average Annual Total Returns For Periods Ended December 31, 2018

	1 Year	5 Years	Life of Class
<b>Class A Shares (Inception Date: 8/20/12)</b>			
(Return Before Taxes)	-10.06%	-1.08%	-0.64%
(Return After Taxes on Distributions)	-11.00%	-2.17%	-1.75%
(Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares)	-5.94%	-1.35%	-1.01%
<b>Advisor Class Shares (Return Before Taxes) (Inception Date: 4/1/13)</b>	-6.01%	0.02%	-0.46%
<b>Institutional Class Shares (Return Before Taxes) (Inception Date: 4/1/13)</b>	-5.89%	0.19%	-0.27%
FTSE World Government Bond ex-U.S. Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	-1.82%	0.28%	-0.27% <sup>1</sup> 0.10% <sup>2</sup>

1. For the life of Class A shares.

2. For the life of Advisor Class and Institutional Class shares.

The after-tax returns are shown only for Class A shares and are calculated using the highest individual federal marginal income tax rates, do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes and will vary for other share classes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold their Fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The return after taxes on distributions and sale of Fund shares may exceed the return before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit from any losses on a sale of Fund shares at the end of the measurement period.

**Investment Adviser:** Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc. is the Fund's investment adviser and Brandywine Global Investment Management, LLC ("Brandywine Global") serves as the subadviser of the Fund.

**Portfolio Managers:** The Fund is managed primarily by a team of investment professionals at Brandywine Global. Stephen S. Smith, Managing Director and Portfolio Manager, David F. Hoffman, CFA, Managing Director and Portfolio Manager, and John P. McIntyre, CFA, Portfolio Manager/Senior Research Analyst, have served as the Fund's Portfolio Managers since the Fund's inception in 2012 and Anujeeet Sareen, CFA, Portfolio Manager, has served as the Fund's Portfolio Manager since 2017.

**Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares:** You may purchase or redeem shares of the Fund on any business day by: contacting your financial intermediary in accordance with its policies; writing to the Fund's transfer agent at: Foresters Investor Services, Inc., Raritan Plaza I, Edison, NJ 08837; or calling the Fund's transfer agent at 1(800)423-4026. The minimum initial purchase for Class A shares and Advisor Class shares is \$1,000. The minimum initial purchase for Institutional Class shares is \$2,000,000. The minimum initial purchase is reduced for certain types of accounts and also for accounts that are eligible to be opened under a systematic investment plan. Subsequent investments can be made in any U.S. dollar amount.

**Tax Information:** The Fund's distributions are generally taxable, and will be taxed to you as ordinary income or long-term capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account, in which case the withdrawal of your investment from a tax-deferred arrangement may be taxable.

**Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries:** The Fund is primarily sold to retail investors through its principal underwriter, Foresters Financial Services, Inc. ("FFS"), which is an affiliate of the Fund's adviser, and both are subsidiaries of the same holding company. FFS representatives receive compensation for selling the Funds. The Fund also may be sold through unaffiliated broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries, that receive compensation for selling First Investors Funds. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing representatives, broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries to recommend First Investors Funds over other funds. For more information ask your representative or your financial intermediary, see the Fund's SAI or visit Foresters Financial's or your financial intermediary's website.

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